

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 13 and 14 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A flexible material transfer device for transferring a load contained therein comprising:

a flexible inner liner, having a closed end and an open end;

a sanitary fitting affixed to the open end of the flexible inner liner; and

an outer fabric restraint surrounding and integrated to the inner liner[~~(.)~~] in a manner preventing the inner liner from collapsing; and

further comprising a window sewn or thermally sealed to the outer fabric restraint for viewing the load contained in the flexible inner lining.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is formed from a plurality of patterns, thermally welded or sewn together.
4. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the sanitary fitting comprises a sealing element for forming an airtight seal with a filling device used to deliver material to be transferred, such that the material is substantially prevented from escaping.

5. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 4, wherein the sealing element comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an O-ring and a locking member.

6. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is formed from a polymeric material.

7. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is formed from a thermoplastic film.

8. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is formed from a polyolefin.

9. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polybutylene, and the like.

10. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner comprises at least one barrier layer to protect the contact of the load with the environment.

11. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 10, wherein the at least one barrier layer is impervious to the load.

12. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the inner liner is impervious to the load.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the flexible fabric is formed from a thermoplastic material.

16. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the flexible fabric is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of linear and branched polyethylene, polypropylene, and polybutylene.

17. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the flexible fabric is conductive.

18. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the flexible fabric comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of powder, flakes, fibers, wires, spokes, and non-metallic materials and threads.

19. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 18, wherein the non-metallic material is selected from the group consisting of carbon black and graphite particles.

20. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, further comprises a grounding loop.

21. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 20, wherein the grounding loop is attached to the flexible fabric.

22. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 20, further comprising a lifting loop attached to the outer restraint.

23. (Currently Amended): The flexible material transfer device of ~~any of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~ claim 22, wherein the lifting loop is integrated with the grounding loop.

24. (Currently Amended): A method of transferring a load comprising:
providing a material transfer device, the transfer device comprising a flexible inner liner, having a closed end and an open end; a sanitary fitting affixed to the open end of the flexible inner liner; and an outer fabric restraint surrounding and integrated to the inner liner and in a manner preventing the inner liner from collapsing;

said material transfer device further comprising a window sewn or thermally welded to the outer fabric restraint in a manner permitting viewing of the load contained in the flexible inner lining; and

filling the transfer device with the load.